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MAIL STOP RCE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of:
Futoshi Tanigawa et al.

Conf. No.: 2369

: Group Art Unit: 1745

Appln. No.: 10/081,087

: Examiner: Dah Wei Yuan

Filing Date: February 22, 2002

: Attorney Docket No.: 10059-406US
(P27064-01)

Title: POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE
BATTERY, POSITIVE ELECTRODE USING THE SAME AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

**AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.114 for continued examination (RCE) of the above identified application in response to the final Office Action mailed February 25, 2004 (Paper No. 02122004). Enclosed are the following in support of the RCE under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:

- ☐ Enter the unentered Amendment previously filed on &@ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above application.
- ☒ An Amendment/Request for Reconsideration.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A and cited references.
- ☐ New formal drawings.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time to &@ for the pending application.
- ☐ Other: &@

The following fees are enclosed:

- ☒ RCE fee of \$770.00 required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).
- ☐ Extension of time fee in the amount of \$____.00



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Reply to Office Action of February 25, 2004

☐ Additional claim fees of &@ for excess claims submitted in the enclosed Amendment, calculated as follows:

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					TOTAL		TOTAL	

☒ Firm check(s) totalling \$770.00 is enclosed herewith.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 210059.0406) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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☒ Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.

☐ In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required, but not enclosed, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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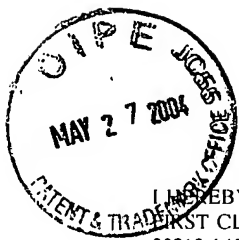
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 25, 2004 (Paper No. 02122004). This response is being timely submitted by May 25, 2004. Further, the finality of the Office Action has been withdrawn in view of the filing herewith of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: